

“How to Discover God’s Will For Your Life.”

Acts 22:6-10

“Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.”
Ephesians 5:15-17

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

“You are free to choose, but the choices you make today will determine what you will have, be, and do in the tomorrow of your life.” Zig Ziglar

“If anyone chooses to do God’s will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God.” John 7:17

Two barriers to finding God’s will:

1. Options
2. Personality

What God’s will is not:

1. It is not a formula
2. It is not a mystery
3. It is not negative
4. It is not a feeling

What is God’s will? It comes down to one word – relationship.

“About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, “Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute me?” “Who are you, Lord?” I asked. “I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. My companions saw the light, but they did not understand the voice of him who was speaking to me. “What shall I do, “Lord?” I asked. “Get up,” the Lord said, and go into Damascus. There you will be told all that you have been assigned to do.” Acts 22:6-10

“I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.” John 10:14-15

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. I am the Good Shepherd. My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish. No one can snatch them out of my hand.” John 10:10, 11, 27, 28

Principle: God’s will is not your ultimate responsibility; it is God’s. It is God’s responsibility to reveal it to you. It is your responsibility to respond.

Principle: I must understand whom God speaks to.

1. God speaks to the forgiven.

"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time. I will put my laws in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor or a man his brother saying, 'know the Lord' because they will all know me from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their wickedness and I will remember their sins no more." Jeremiah 31:33-34

"It is God's will that you should be sanctified; that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable." 1 Thessalonians 4:3,4

2. God speaks to the surrendered.

"Therefore, I urge you brothers; in view of God's mercy offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. This is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be TRANSFORMED by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:1, 2

Principle: Be willing to accept the will of God before knowing what it is.

3. God speaks to the humble.

"He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way." Psalms 25:9

"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice." Proverbs 12:15

"Without counsel plans go wrong, but with many advisors they succeed." Proverbs 15:22

"Listen to advice and accept instruction that you may gain wisdom for the future." Proverbs 19:20

"By wise guidance you can wage your war and in the abundance of counselors there is victory." Proverbs 24:6

"Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him." Proverbs 26:12

Closing thought: If you've missed God's will, don't despair.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him." Romans 8:28

"God, Your will, nothing more, nothing less, nothing else." Amen.